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AIRMAN MEETS WITH SERIOUS MISHAP HERE

LIEUT. MOORE IS HURT WHEN MACHINE GETS OUT OF CONTROL

INJURIES INTERNAL

Accident Occurred Near McConnell Place, Short Distance West of City.

Second Lieutenant W. F. Moore, an aviator from Payne Field, near West Point, was painfully hurt while attempting to make a landing on the McConnell place, a few miles west of Columbus, Tuesday afternoon. His engine went dead on him just as he was about to negotiate the landing, and in making an effort to right the machine he encountered trouble which caused him to lose his equilibrium.

The injuries of Lieut. Moore, which are of an internal nature, are not considered very serious. First aid was rendered by Dr. W. R. McKinley of this city, who has had considerable experience as an army surgeon, and the patient was turned over to the chief surgeon at Payne Field, who rushed to the scene of the accident in an airplane, having made the trip from there in eight minutes, and who now has charge of the case.

After the injuries of Lieut. Moore had been given surgical attention here he was taken to Tibbee in Gunter Brothers' ambulance, having been accompanied by Mr. H. H. Gunter and Mr. C. S. Harrell, director of the undertaking department of that firm. At Tibbee they were met by an ambulance from Payne Field.

At the time of the accident there was a pilot in the machine with Lieut. Moore, but he escaped uninjured, and it was impossible to learn his name.

The machine was badly smashed up as a result of the accident, the propellers having been twisted off and other parts having been broken.

AUTO HITS MOTORCYCLE.

Phelan Harris, a machinist employed at the local shops of the Southern Railway, was painfully hurt Sunday afternoon when a motorcycle which he was riding collided with an automobile. The collision took place on the Robertson road, a few miles west of Columbus, and the automobile is said to have been owned by a citizen of Meridian. According to reports made to the local police, the only occupant of the motorcycle, the negro chauffeur, who kept on his way without having stopped to ascertain the extent of Mr. Harris' injuries. The machinist, however, was not seriously hurt, having been able to be out the following day.

OFFERS PRIZE TO AIRMEN.

London, July 14.—"In order to stimulate the production of more powerful and more suitable aircraft," the Daily Mail announces the revival of its offer of a prize of \$10,000 to the first person who crosses the Atlantic from any point in the United States, Canada, or New Foundland to Great Britain or Ireland or vice-versa in seventy-two consecutive hours.

The original offer of the Daily Mail was made in April, 1913. It was suspended at the outbreak of the war.

Messrs. J. L. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Z. Z. Brandon and Z. M. Windle, of Pickens county, spent yesterday in the city en route home after a visit to Starkville and West Point.

Mr. Sam Ashmore, who is now in the navy, stationed in the base hospital at Chelsea, Mass., is spending ten days here with his brothers, Messrs. Paul and Ely Ashmore.

Mrs. Frank Whitlock and children, of Longview, Texas, are the guests of Mrs. Whitlock's sister, Mrs. W. P. Stribling, on North Eighth street.

Mrs. Lizzette Sandifer, of Greenwood, is visiting her father, Capt. John A. Neilson, on North Third avenue.

FORMATION OF CLUB FOLLOWS BAILEY'S TALK

CITIZENS FORM LOWNDES COUNTY SELF PRESERVATION LEAGUE

MAYOR IS CHAIRMAN

Chief Executive of City Selected as Head of the New Organization.

Hon. Thomas L. Bailey, of Meridian, traveling examiner for the employment service bureau of the United States department of labor, delivered an address at the court house Monday afternoon and was greeted by a fairly large audience. The meeting was presided over by Mayor D. S. McClanahan, who introduced the speakers, and quite a number of prominent business and professional men were present.

Mr. Bailey is conducting an educational and organization campaign throughout this section of the state, and came to Columbus for the purpose of inciting interest on the part of her citizens in the work in which he is engaged. He urged the necessity for organization and co-operation, and after he had finished speaking W. F. Lagrone, of West Point, examiner for this district, was introduced and delivered an address along the same line.

Following Mr. Lagrone's address the Lowndes County Self Preservation League was organized and the following officers named: D. S. McClanahan, chairman; D. F. McCullough, vice-chairman; V. R. Imes, secretary and treasurer; J. B. Williams, legal officer. The following district vice-chairmen were also named: District 1, C. W. West, Caledonia; district 2, W. N. Puckett, Columbus; district 3, Dr. F. M. Vaughan, Dunbar; district 4, R. B. Harbo, Crawford; district 5, Gaius Bush, Artesian.

The district vice-chairmen will appoint a committee of two citizens to assist him in carrying on the work in his district.

Mr. J. W. Joyner has returned from a business trip to Tennessee.

HARRISON WANTS TO DISCUSS ISSUES

WILL FORMALLY CHALLENGE SENATOR VARVAMAN TO PUBLIC DEBATES.

Washington, July 16.—Released from duties in Congress, James K. Vardaman and Pat Harrison, the candidates for the Mississippi senatorship, expect to do intensive campaigning during the thirty days which will remain before the primary. Before leaving Washington last night Representative Harrison challenged Senator Vardaman to a series of joint debates. Instructions to make formal presentation of the challenge are contained in the following letter written by Mr. Harrison to Judge J. Q. Robins, his campaign manager:

"It is now definitely agreed that both the Senate and House will take a 3-day recess under an unanimous consent agreement that no business will be transacted from the 15th day of July to August 19.

"I shall return to Mississippi immediately to press my campaign by visiting as many localities as I can within the time designed before the election. I understand Senator Vardaman has returned to the state to give an account of his stewardship.

"The issues of the senatorial campaign are clear cut. I have stated in my public speeches that Senator Vardaman joined hands with the Republicans of the Senate in 1915 to accomplish defeat of the ship purchase bill to the great detriment of the farmers and business interests of Mississippi and the country."

In concluding his letter Mr. Harrison says:

"Since the issue is so well defined, and the people of Mississippi are entitled to hear these questions fully discussed by both of us in the presence of each other, I am writing

KNIGHT'S GREAT PAINTING SOLD FOR WAR FUND



The original of this great war painting by Ridgeway Knight, "After the Battle of the Marne," was purchased by William Nelson Cromwell and presented to the American, British, French and Belgium blind relief war fund, by which it was sold at auction.

RAID STILL RUN BY OCTOGENARIAN

J. W. KEYSER, CIVIL WAR VETERAN, ARRESTED BY SHERIFF OF FAYETTE COUNTY.

John Wesley Keyser, who is more than 80 years old and who served as a Confederate soldier throughout the civil war, was recently arrested on the charge of running an illicit still. He was taken into custody by J. H. Oswalt, sheriff of Fayette county, Ala., having been arrested at his still, which was located near the border line which separates Fayette and Tuscaloosa counties. His still was made out of a 50-pound lard can, and when the sheriff made the raid he found on hand several quarts of apple brandy, which is said to have been of an unusually excellent quantity, and several barrels of beer.

It is pretty well known that a number of stills are in operation in several counties in West Alabama, as local police have several times during the recent past caught parties bringing liquor made at these stills into Columbus.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO BE REARRANGED

PROF. STANLEY CALLS MEETING OF TRUSTEES TO CONVENE AT COURT HOUSE JULY 24.

Having become convinced that the way in which the school districts of Lowndes county are divided is so inequitable that thorough and efficient work is practically impossible, Prof. E. A. Stanley, superintendent of education for the county, has called a meeting of the trustees of the schools to convene at the court house in this city on Wednesday, July 24, for the purpose of rearranging these districts.

According to Prof. Stanley, the present arrangement is so defective that there are several sections of the county which maintain schools but which have never been placed in any specific district, and the meeting is called for the purpose of correcting this and other existing conditions which militate seriously against effective work by the county's department of education.

There are at present 33 white and 55 negro school districts in the county, and representatives of all these districts are expected to be present at the meeting which Prof. Stanley has called.

You this letter as chairman of my central campaign committee of Senator Vardaman that I challenge him to a series of joint debates throughout Mississippi, the time and places to be agreed upon between the Vardaman central campaign committee and my central campaign committee, each committee to select an equal number of places for these debates."

NO TRACE YET OF ESCAPED PRISONERS

OFFICERS UNABLE TO LOCATE NEGROES WHO BROKE JAIL HERE SATURDAY.

Local officers are still looking for Ed Williams and Beverly Bondman, the two negroes who escaped from the Lowndes county jail Saturday after having overpowered Jailer M. W. Sharp, but have found no trace of either one of them.

The officers are especially anxious to find Williams, as he had deserted from the army three times, and had just been arrested and placed in jail after having made his third escape from the training camp at Newport News, Va., Bondman had recently been convicted on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses and given a short sentence on the county farm.

The levanting of Williams and Bondman makes a total of 12 prisoners who have escaped from local institutions during the recent past. Six negroes walked off from the county farm about six weeks ago and four others escaped last week, the recent jail delivery having run the number of escapes up to an even dozen. None of the negroes have been apprehended.

MAN IS KILLED BY SOUTHERN TRAIN

BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN W. H. MURPHY; BODY HELD FOR IDENTIFICATION.

A man believed to have been W. H. Murphy, a homeless nomad, was run over and killed by the west bound passenger train on the Southern Railway which arrived here shortly after noon yesterday. The accident occurred near Berry, Ala., and among the man's possessions were two banjos, one of which bore his above name, while the same cognomen appeared several times in a memorandum book which was found in one of his pockets.

The man was apparently about 50 years old, weighed 125 pounds and was 5 feet, 2 inches in height. The body was brought to the undertaking establishment of Gunter Brothers in this city, where it is now being held awaiting identification.

MANY WILL ATTEND RED CROSS BENEFIT.

An affair which promises not only to be enjoyed but one which will mean much to the war relief fund will be given at the home of Mrs. E. D. Herring, several miles west of Columbus Saturday night from 7 to 11 o'clock. Refreshments will be served, and dancing and other features will be enjoyed.

Quite a number of officers from Payne Field are expected to be present.

MRS. NEYMAN DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

WIFE OF SOUTHERN RAILWAY CONDUCTOR PASSES AWAY AT HOME ON NORTH 3RD AVE.

Mrs. Mamie Neyman, wife of Mr. Wallace Neyman, a popular conductor on the Southern Railway, died at her home, 1323 North Third avenue, last Sunday, her death having resulted from cancer of the bone. Mrs. Neyman had been a sufferer from this disease for quite a long time past, and nearly a year ago one of her lower limbs was amputated in an effort to save her life. The hope entertained by surgeons and members of her family proved a vain one, however, and after having undergone long and painful suffering she finally passed away.

Mrs. Neyman, who was a most excellent Christian lady, was 33 years old and is survived by her husband and two children.

Mrs. Neyman formerly lived in West Point, and her body was taken to that city for interment.

\$340,000 SECURED IN STAMP DRIVE

WORK WILL CONTINUE UNTIL COUNTY'S ALLOTMENT IS IN HAND.

The work of footing up the pledges made in the War Savings stamp campaign conducted in Lowndes county on June 28 has just been completed, and shows pledges amounting to \$340,000, while the number of individuals who signed pledge cards is shown to have been 6,391.

These figures show only returns made to Prof. E. A. Stanley, the county director, and as all the districts have not yet been reported the amount collected may be considerably augmented when these reports finally are turned in.

The county's quota is \$615,000, and the work of soliciting pledges will be continued until that amount has been secured.

WILL TAKE NEW POSITION.

Miss Augusta Sykes, who for a number of years past has been of valuable assistance as stenographer at the Columbus National Bank has resigned her position to succeed Mr. E. W. Russell, as stenographer for Mr. J. L. Cox, assistant general freight and passenger agent for the Southern Railway in Mississippi. Mr. Russell is soon to enlist in the naval reserve.

AT THE PRINCESS TODAY.

Sessue Hayakawa, the noted Japanese actor, who has many followers in Columbus, will be seen at the Princess today in "Hidden Pearls," a modern drama. Admission 5 and 15 cents. An excellent musical program.

WANTS AMERICA TO BE DECLARED A DRY COUNTRY

REV. L. A. BANKS OF BOSTON, DELIVERS TWO ADDRESSES HERE

SCORES BREWERS

Blames Them for Recent Fuel Famine and Shortness of Cars Generally.

Two addresses on prohibition were delivered here last Sunday by Rev. Louis Albert Banks, of Boston, who spoke at the First Methodist church at 11 a. m. and at the Princess Airdome at 8:30 p. m.

Mr. Banks is traveling over the country under the auspices of the American Anti-Saloon League and is urging the people to do everything in their power to rid the country of whiskey and other beverages containing alcohol.

According to statements made by Mr. Banks, much of the suffering and inconvenience which have been experienced by the people of America and other countries since the war began is attributable to the liquor traffic. He said that the reduction of the bread ration in France resulted largely from the fact that too much grain was used in the manufacture of liquor, while he claimed that in America breweries were not only using grain that was needed for bread but were also making the transportation problem more difficult by demanding cars in which to ship their products. He further averred that the brewers were largely responsible for the famine which this country experienced last winter, it having been his contention was partly due to the fact that so many cars were being used to transport beer.

The service at the Princess Airdome Sunday night was presided over by Rev. S. L. Pope, pastor of the First Methodist church, and in addition to the address delivered by Mr. Banks an excellent musical program was rendered by the choir. Music will be a special feature of the service next Sunday night, when several selections will be given by the Princess orchestra.

ITEMS OF INTEREST OVER THE COUNTRY

GIST OF THE NEWS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN BRIEF FORM

An increase of ten per cent on all merchandise shipped by express was put into effect Monday by the American Railway Express Company. President Wilson Tuesday signed the wire control resolution, empowering him to take over and operate for the period of the war all telegraph, telephone, cable and radio lines.

Belgium Tuesday was given a new credit of \$1,580,000. This makes the total loans to Belgium by the United States government \$133,480,000, and total to all of the allies \$6,268,280,000.

There will be no vacation this year for President Wilson. With matters of tremendous importance demanding his attention every day, the president has decided that he can not leave his desk, and it was definitely announced at the White House that he will remain in Washington throughout the summer.

A fire caused by the explosion of nitrate early Tuesday completely destroyed the fertilizer plant of the American Agricultural Chemical Company near here, entailing a loss estimated at \$1,250,000.

Four hundred and fifty American-built battle planes had been sent abroad or delivered at ports for shipment on July 5, the date of the last complete official report reaching the war department. In announcing this figure Secretary Baker disclosed also that deliveries of Liberty motors of all classes on the same date had reached 2,514.

Dr. and Mrs. Duncan, of Pickens county, spent Tuesday in Columbus.

SON OF FORMER PRESIDENT IS REPORTED DEAD

QUENTIN ROOSEVELT LILLED ON MARNE FRONT SAYS DISPATCH

HUN DRIVE BALKED

New Tenton Offensive Repulsed by French—Fierce Fighting in Progress.

London, July 17.—Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, son of former president Roosevelt, was shot down and killed on the Chateau-Thierry sector of the Marne front on Sunday, according to an Exchange Telegraph message from Paris today.

According to the message Phillip Roosevelt, from his station in the trenches, saw the young American aviator fall a victim to a German air squadron.

With the American Army in France, July 17.—The fifth phase of the "kaiser battle" in France has failed.

Five times since the campaigning season opened Ludendorff has tried to end the war by a military stroke before the Americans could arrive in force.

Twice he nearly succeeded—in Picardy in March and on the Aisne river in May—but the present check is sharper but more severe than the other two—at Armentieres in April and on the Montdidier-Noyon front in June.

But Hindenburg has used up too many first class troops in the earlier attempts and now is finding the comparatively untrained Americans too tough as antagonists.

The smallest imaginable proportion of the available Americans in France is taking part in the smashing of the fifth "kaiser battle," but everywhere the Americans appear they fight the boches off their feet, not only recapturing lost ground and taking prisoners, but liberating comrades whom the Germans had previously captured.

AVIATOR MISSING.

Lieut. J. McGavock Grider, a Memphis boy, and a nephew of Judge C. L. Moore, of this city, is missing in action in France, according to a letter received by his father, Mr. W. H. Grider, of Osceola, Ark., a few days ago.

Grider and another American aviator pursued two German airplanes on fighting lines in France on June 18, and shot both Hun planes down. Both Americans turned their machines to return to their own lines. According to the other aviator they were fighting a strong west wind and when the American looked around Grider's machine had disappeared. It is presumed that he had engine trouble and was forced to land in German territory.

Mr. J. O. Carroll, who forty years ago resided in Columbus, and who is now making his home in Bogalusa, La., is here on a short visit renewing his acquaintances. He is being given a cordial welcome back to the city.

Messrs. Silas and Roy Ashmore, who are now holding positions in Birmingham, are visiting their brothers in this city.